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SUBJECT: UNCLASSIFIED HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT FOR CONGRESS

REF: STATE 23792; GRAHAM-BRIGGS TELECON(1/30/78)

1. FOLLOWING INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH WAS INADVERTEDLY  
OMITTED FROM REFTEL CONTAINING REPORT. THIS PARAGRAPH  
PRECEDES ALL OTHER IN THE REPORT.QUOTE:

2. PARAGUAY HAS A TRADITION OF AUTHORITARIAN RULE. THE  
PRESIDENT, GENERAL ALFREDO STROESSNER, HAS GOVERNED FOR  
OVER 23 YEARS. HE IS EXPECTED TO BE REELECTED TO A NEW  
FIVE-YEAR TERM IN FEBRUARY 1978. THERE HAVE BEEN CYCLES  
OF REPRESSION IN PARAGUAY UNDER PRESIDENT STROESSNER.  
RECENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN IMPROVEMENTS IN THE GOVERNMENT'S  
HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE, BUT ABUSES  
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CONTINUE. A MAJOR CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO ABUSE IS  
A STATE OF SIEGE WHICH HAS BEEN IN FORCE SINCE 1947.  
DURING 1977, RELEASES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS SUBSTANTIALLY  
EXCEEDED NEW ARRESTS, WITH THE YEAR END ESTIMATE OF  
THOSE STILL IN CUSTODY BELOW 200. HOWEVER, 19 CHRISTIAN  
TRADE UNIONISTS WERE ARRESTED IN DECEMBER. UNQUOTE  
3. PER TELCON, "INSTABILITY" SHOULD BE "STABILITY." VANCE

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